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candle

"something that shines"

The word **candle** is a stem.

Can you hypothesise which two morphemes combine to build this word?

_____ ⊕ _____ = _____



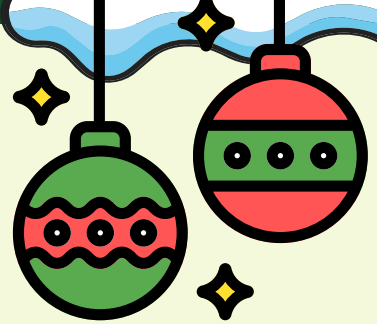
The word **candle** is a stem.

Did you break it down like this?

cand "shine" + le "something that or a smaller version" = candle

A candle is "**something that shines**".

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"something that shines"



cand
"shine"

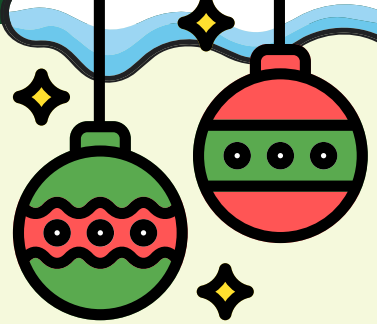
le
"something that or a smaller version"

The word **candle** comes from the Old English word **candel**. Old English borrowed that word from the Latin word **candela**, meaning "**light or torch**".

The Latin word **candela** was built from another Latin word, **candere**, meaning "**shine**"!



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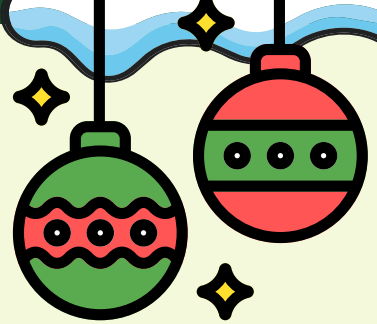
cand + **le**

"shine" — "something that or a smaller version"

Long ago, **candles** were often made using tallow, a type of animal fat. A wick was dipped into melted tallow, which hardened as it cooled. This could produce quite a smoky and smelly **candle** when it burned!

Today, most **candles** are made from wax, but they still help us light up the darkness.









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Let's read some sentences containing stem **candle**.

The **candle** flickered gently on the windowsill.

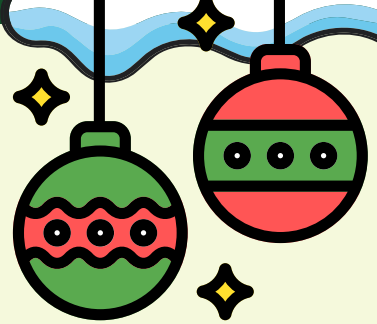
Every Sunday during Advent, the church lit another **candle**.

The birthday girl blew out the last **candle** on her cake.

The explorer used a **candle** to light the gloomy passageway.

She decided to burn the **candle** at both ends, working late into the night and waking up early.









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The base in the word **candle** is **cand**. Can you think of any other words containing base **cand**?

Create a word web.



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"shine"

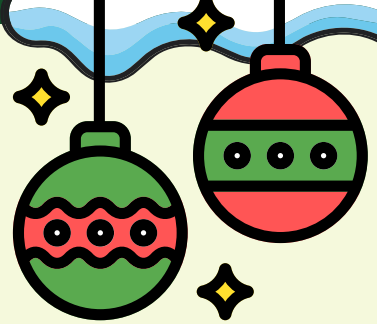


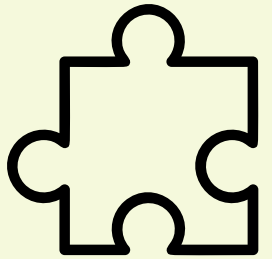
Use the matrix to build different words using base **cand**.
Talk about your new words with your partner.

Wondering how base **cand** brings a sense of "**shine**" to some of these words?
Flick through the following slides if you have time!

in into or upon	**cand** "shine"	**esce** grow or become	**ence** state, quality or concept	
			ent quality or one who	**ly** how
		id tending to	**ate** cause, make or describing	**s** more than one or present simple tense
			ly how	
		le something that or a smaller version	**light** brightness, illumination or radiation	
			lit bright or illuminated	
			stick long, thin piece of wood or another firm material	**s** more than one or present simple tense

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candle + **light** = **candlelight**

"something that shines"

"brightness, illumination or radiation"

"light produced by something that shines"

cand + **le**

"shine"

"something that or a smaller version"

The family ate their Christmas dinner by soft candlelight.





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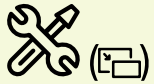




candle ⊕ **lit** = **candlelit**

"something that shines" | "bright or illuminated" | "illuminated by something that shines"





cand ⊕ **le**

"shine" | "something that or a smaller version"

The explorers carefully made their way through the candlelit tunnel.

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candle +  **stick = candlestick**

"something that shines"

"long, thin piece of wood or another firm material"

"something long and thin, holding something that shines"

cand + **le**

"shine"

"something that or a smaller version"

An old silver candlestick stood on the dusty mantelpiece.

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candle ⊕ **stick** ⊕ **s** = **candlesticks**

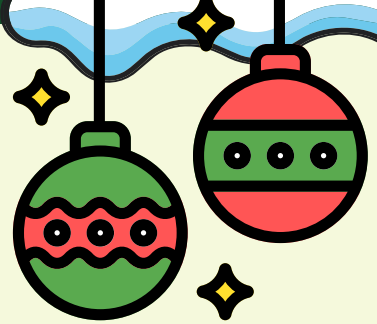
"something that shines" | "long, thin piece of wood or another firm material" | "more than one or present participles" | "more than one thing that is long and thin, holding something that shines"

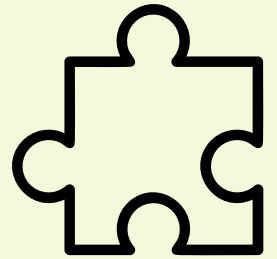
cand ⊕ **le**

"shine" | "something that or a smaller version"

The grand dining table was decorated with golden candlesticks and fresh holly.

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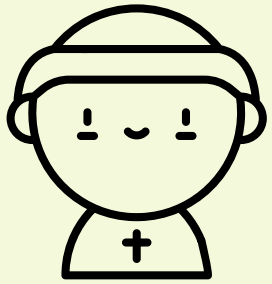






cand ⊕ **id** = **candid**

"shine" "tending to" "honest and open about what you think or feel"



The word **candid** comes from the Latin word **candidus**, meaning "**shining white**".

Over time, the idea of something being bright white became connected to being **innocent** or **truthful**!

That's why we describe someone who speaks openly and honestly as **candid**.

The teacher appreciated the child's candid answer about why the homework was unfinished.

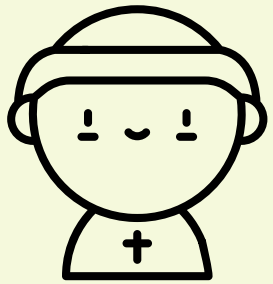




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cand + **id** + **ate** = **candidate**

"shine" + "tending to" + "cause, make or describing" = "someone hoping to be chosen"



"shining white"

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"pure and innocent"

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"honest and truthful"

In ancient Rome, people hoping to be chosen as a leader wore specially whitened togas, to make themselves look purer and more honest!

Each candidate gave a short speech explaining why they wanted to become school council representative.





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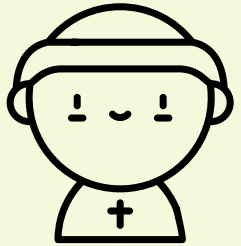
in + **cand** + **esce** + **ent** = **incandescent**

- **in**: "into or upon"
- **cand**: "shine"
- **esce**: "grow or become"
- **ent**: "quality or one who"
- **incandescent**: "glowing brightly because of heat"

Something is **incandescent** when it becomes so hot that it gives off light! This is how traditional light bulbs work: electricity heats a tiny wire until it glows.

But did you know that **incandescent** can also describe someone who is **extremely angry**?

When someone is **incandescent with rage**, we imagine them becoming so angry that they are almost glowing with heat!



Dad was incandescent with rage when he discovered the broken window.

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